

## November 22, 1865 & April 15, 1866

Movement to establish an Eastern Orthodox Church is legitimated with official document created in the Office of the Greek Consul of New Orleans, Nicholas M. Benachi.

At a meeting, for the establishment of an **Eastern Orthodox Church** in this city of New Orleans, held at the Office of the Consulate of Greece, 14 Union Street, on the 3/15 day of April, 1866, the following resolutions have been adopted.

1st. That the establishment of an **Eastern Orthodox Church** in this city, is a necessity much felt by all the members of the Orthodox religion, who reside in this city.

2nd. That we see with pleasure that a movement has been inaugurated, for the building of a church for the purpose of public worship and that a subscription book has been opened since the 22 November 1865 for the same purpose.

3rd. That we pledge ourselves, to use our utmost exertions for the promotion and advance of such an enterprise, which, in giving to us our spiritual feed, will much contribute to our spiritual welfare.

That a committee of three be appointed, composed of the following gentlemen,

N. M. BENACHI, President.  
M. DRASKOVICH, } Members.  
CONST. KILILI, }

who will consult and act together for the above named work and namely for the following points.

1st. The purchase of a suitable piece of land, for the erection of the church.

2nd. The collection of estimates for the cost and outfit of the building.

3rd. They will have the right to call another meeting, to which they will submit the result of their deliberations.

The meeting has appointed D. A. Botassi Esq. Secretary, and John A. Botassi Treasurer of the Commission.

The members of the committee, as well as the Secretary and Treasurer, have consented to serve without any compensation or gratuity whatever.

D. N. BOTASSI  
Secr.

Signatures on notarized sale document: Constantin Kilili, M. Draskovich, N.M. Benachi, Anna N. Benachi, George Grimault, Abel Dreyfous, Charles Rolle

## June 29, 1867 Property Sale Document

Nicholas M. Benachi sells 1222 North Dorgenois property to Holy Trinity representatives Michael Draskovich and Constantin Kilili.

property brought by her in marriage and sold by her husband reckoning from the celebration of the marriage. 2o. For the restitution or re-investment of dotal property by her acquired during the marriage, by succession or donation, reckoning from the day the succession was opened in her favor or such donation took effect. 3o. For the reimbursement of the price of her paraphernal property alienated by her, if her husband has received said price or has otherwise disposed of said property for his individual interest. To have and to hold the property, even sold, unto the said congregation or assigns, in full ownership, free from all mortgage and any other right in favor of M<sup>r</sup> Benachi. Which is accepted by said Kilili & Draskovich, on behalf of said Congregation.

Done and passed in my office, on the day, month and year first above written, in presence of Charles Rolle & George Grimault, competent witnesses, who have signed with the parties and me the notary, after reading the whole.

Constantin Kilili  
M. Draskovich  
N. M. Benachi  
Anna N. Benachi  
Charles Rolle  
Abel Dreyfous  
m. Dr.

Registered Conveyance office Bg 2p 340  
New Orleans 29<sup>th</sup> July 1867  
L. W. Wells  
Registered

STATE OF LOUISIANA.  
PARISH OF ORLEANS AND CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, That on this twenty-ninth day of June, Eighteen hundred and Sixty Seven.

Before me, ABEL DREYFOUS, Notary Public for the Parish of Orleans and City of New Orleans, therein residing,

Personally appeared, M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas M. Benachi, of this City.

Who declared that, whereas at a certain meeting of members of the Orthodox religion in this city, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1866 a committee has been appointed for several purposes, among which was the purchase of a suitable piece of land for the erection of a church.

And whereas shortly after that date the said Benachi agreed to sell for that purpose to the congregation the piece of land below described, upon which a church & presbytery have already been erected, at the costs of members of said religion - which church is to be called the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Wherefore the said Benachi declared that he has sold with all legal warranty and subrogation to his rights and actions of warranty against all preceding vendors and other warrantors.

Unto the Congregation (not yet incorporated) of the members of the Orthodox Religion in this city, which is accepted on behalf of said Congregation, by M<sup>r</sup>s Constantin Kilili & Michael Draskovich, both of this city, here present, members of the committee appointed at the Meeting aforesaid.

A large lot of ground, situated in the second district of this city, in the square bounded by Rochellau's Dorgenois, Barracks & Hospital Streets having, as measured, ninety feet front on Dorgenois Street, by one hundred and forty nine feet six inches two lines in depth, bounded on the side next Barracks Street, by property of M<sup>r</sup> Kilili. Together with



